WASHINGTON (March 16) – Legislative gimmicks should not be used to impose a government-run health care system on Americans, according to Congressman Spencer Bachus (AL-6). Bachus today delivered the following speech on the floor of the House of Representatives opposing the effort by Speaker Pelosi and the Democrat majority to ram a government-run health care system through Congress.

To view Congressman Bachus' remarks, click here.

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"The United States is the largest economy in the world." We are bigger than our four next competitors combined. We got there through personal freedom and individual choice. We didn't get there by government management. Countries in Europe have government-run health care, but that's not America. We are distinct. We place our faith in the individual. We compete, but we don't compete with the government. The federal government should not be given the power to make health care choices for you or your family or to force you as a taxpayer, as a citizen, to pay for an abortion when it violates your values. Let's listen to the majority of Americans. Let's start over. Let's have an American plan. Let's work on solutions that are consistent with our traditions of choice and freedom, and put our faith in the individual, not the government."

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